

Appl. No. 09/854,181
Amdt. dated December 11, 2003
Reply to Office Action of June 12, 2003

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 12, 2003, claims 1-10, 24-30, 38-39 and 49-68 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 11-23, 31-37, 40-48, and 69-70 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 4-10, 24-30, 38-39, 56-59 and 62-63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

To advance prosecution, claims 1, 4-10, 24-30, 38-39, 56-59 and 62-63 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant does not concede to the rejection of these claims. Claims 2, 60 and 64 have been made independent. Claims 2 and 60 have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejections of claims 1 and 56. The definition of m and n have been clarified in Claims 2 and 60. These amendments to claims 2 and 60 are supported by the specification as filed on page 10 and page 12, for example. The dependency of claims 3, 49-54, 61 and 66-68 has been amended for consistency. The rejection of claims 7-10, 24, 57-59 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is moot due to the cancellation of those claims. Withdrawn claims 11-23, 31-37, 40-48 and 69-70 have been cancelled without prejudice.